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Mrs. Charles Barcellona  
162 East 107th Street  
New York 29, New York

Dear Mrs. Barcellona:

Your letter of April 29, 1959 to the Director of Central Intelligence

[Redacted]

The Central Intelligence Agency was established by the National Security Act of 1947 for the purpose of coordinating the intelligence activities of the Government, and it is concerned solely with matters occurring outside the United States. Section 102(d)(3) of that Act specifically provides that the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal-security functions. We are forbidden by law to become involved in prosecution of crimes and the administration of justice, both of which are functions of the Department of Justice insofar as the Federal Government is concerned. We are, therefore, unable to take any action in connection with your request.

Very truly yours,

*s/* Lawrence R. Houston

cc: William E. Foley  
First Assistant  
Criminal Division  
Department of Justice  
w/incoming letter

Lawrence R. Houston  
General Counsel

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